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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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DECENTRALIZED, SELF-REGULATING SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATICALLY For: DISCOVERING OPTIMAL CONFIGURATIONS IN A FAILURE-RICH ENVIRONMENT

Assignee Name:

International Business Machines Corporation

Assignee Residence:

Armonk, New York

Enclosed are also:

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Pages of Specification including an Abstract

Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 29)

Sheet(s) of Drawings

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CLAIMS AS FILED

FOR	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		Basic Fee (\$710)
Total Claims	29	-20 =	9	X	\$ 18	=	\$162
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